Docket No. 11271STUS01U

<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 25-34 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-24 had been earlier cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 25, 28, and 32 have been amended to more clearly define that which Applicant considers its invention.

Claims 33 and 34 have been cancelled without prejudice.

No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration of the Claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Telephonic Interview with the Examiner on March 17, 2006.

1. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2

Claims 33 and 34 were rejected as lacking antecedent basis.

Claims 33 and 34 have been cancelled without prejudice.

2. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

- a. Claims 25 and 27 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,393,272 ("Cannon") in view of US Patent No. 6,633,634 ("Crockett") and US Patent No. 6,665,375 ("Forlenza"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.
- b. Claim 26 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cannon in view of Crockett, Forlenza, and US Patent No. 6,606,505 ("Chow"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.
- c. Claims 28-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cannon in view of Crockett.
- d. Claims 32-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chow in view of Forlenza. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.
- e. Claim 34 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chow in view of Forlenza and Crockett. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant notes with appreciation the telephonic interview with the Examiner on March 17, 2006 regarding the Official Action mailed December 16, 2005. The claims have been amended and/or clarified, and accordingly, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

3. Conclusion

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 25-32 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests an early allowance of such Claims.

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at ksmith@texaspatents.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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